

PROBABILITIES TO-DAY.—Washington, September 4.—For the South Atlantic States, falling barometer, south and east winds, warmer, partly cloudy weather, and possible light rain.

For the Middle States, falling followed by rising barometer, southerly winds varying to northwest, partly cloudy followed by clear weather.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY WAS clear, warm, and pleasant.

Thermometer.—Yesterday: 6 A. M., 67; 9 A. M., 72; noon, 83; 3 P. M., 87; 6 P. M., 89; midnight, 74.

## Personal Notes.

Don Carlos, of Spain, has sailed for England.

Ex-Empress Eugenie still wears fine clothes.

President and Mrs. Grant are the guests of Mr. A. R. Corbin, at Elizabeth, N. J.

There are thirteen North Carolinians in the House of Representatives in Texas.

Brigham Young has reduced the number of his wives to eighteen, and feels almost as lone as a widower.

The statue of Lafayette, the gift of the American people, will be inaugurated on Wednesday in Union Square, New York.

The president of the Keokuk Board of Health is Dr. G. N. Seidlitz. The property of holding the office is quite apert.

A Dutch clergyman has printed "Zas Maanden in Amerika" (Six Months in America). The author, Dr. Cohen Stuart, is an enthusiastic admirer of Americans and American literature in religious matters.

Professor W. H. Smith, late of the University of Michigan, has been elected Professor of Natural History in the University of North Carolina.

It is generally felt that Babcock is the safest burglar whose liberty was ever endangered by a true bill. His trial in Washington will result as did his trial in St. Louis. He will be gloriously vindicated.

M. Largeau and M. Louis Say are about to undertake another expedition into North America, the goal of the former this time will be Timbuctoo, and of the latter Alagar, the culmination of the Central Sahara, which, it is said, has not hitherto been visited by any European.

James Miller announces for publication during the fall a new volume of select miscellaneous poems of Mr. Miller, and which is the author of "Proverbial Philosophy." It is Mr. Tupper's design to take up his abode in New York in a few weeks and personally supervise his work during its progress through the press.

Ex-Secretary Bristow told a reporter of the Boston Globe that he intended to return to the practice of law at Louisville, adding: "A profession of law, and which I was taken from by accident, not choice. Politically, I have no aspirations and prefer to be let entirely alone."

Mrs. Rebecca Canfield, who died recently in Georgia, was an aunt of General Longstreet, and the last remaining child of William Longstreet, who, the Augusta Chronicle says, ran a miniature steamboat of his own construction up and down the Savannah river, opposite Augusta, ten years before Fulton's invention was heard of.

Abdul Hammed, the new Sultan, is described as thin and snappy, with flashing dark eyes and aquiline nose. He is a brother of the Sultan Murad, just deposed, and is thirty-four years of age. His habits are represented as not bad for a Turk, he being moderate in his drinking, and having no favorites. Though early familiar with the depravities of the harem, his life, since he reached manhood, has been rather exemplary, and one wife maintains the supremacy of his affections. With the exception of his fez, he dresses like a European, his clothes being made in Paris, which he wears with confidence and has a turn for statistics, and has a fine collection of maps. His love of pets is particularly strong, and he even indulges in stuffed animals. As to his religion he is very orthodox, and is a hater of the progressive party. He believes that no Greek is honest, but looks upon other Europeans with tolerance.

PRIZES IN PETROLEUM.—It is rumored that there is a giant rig bolstering up the price of oil, and that before many days the bottom will fall completely out. Others deny this, and say that the advance is the result of a still further rise, and in anticipation of a still further rise, are buying freely, and now find the production in no way sufficient to meet the demand. However, be this as it may, reports are in circulation of immense profits and fortunes some operators made during the past week. Dr. H. von Bitter fame, it is stated, held personally 300,000 barrels, on which he cleared two dollars per barrel. A number of operators here, who held 10,000 barrels, sold yesterday at a profit of three dollars and thirty cents per barrel. Schriver, of Oil City, closely connected with the oil business, has cleared, it is said, during the past week \$300,000. Thum & Co., brokers, who hold a large quantity of low-priced oil, are reported to have cleared on its sale upward of \$100,000. One broker here has 48,000 barrels which cost him but little over \$1 per barrel. He will prefer to let it go at \$2. Another broker bought quite low some time ago, paying about 50 cents, and sold at \$3.15. Another transaction, much larger, was that of a dealer who paid 3,000 barrels at \$2.80, for which he paid 65 cents, but was afraid the market would collapse. Everybody in the oil region who had any cash on hand seems to have invested it, and the price commenced and went made happy. At Oil City one of the speculators is about \$75,000 ahead, and several others nearly or quite as much. Many of them count their profits realized by tens of thousands, and a few of them by hundreds of thousands. A large number of outsiders, who also commenced and went made happy, have been induced to take a chance and have realized good profits. Young men with limited capital and board bills to pay have purchased calls at prices which they had expected the market to reach, and have realized profits ranging from \$50 to \$1,000. It is safe to say of the oil exchange that there never was a scene of so much excitement in three consecutive days. At Titusville it was the same. George A. Chase went to the exchange in the morning and came out at night with \$1,300 more money than he entered with. Chief of the Police Koutse made \$500 net during the past three days. Policeman Kane is worth \$1,500 more than one week ago. A boy put \$40 in the hands of a broker to be used with other money, and in two days' time drew out \$200. Some of the dealers and brokers made something large. One Titusville speculator, on Friday, morning, lost has made \$15,000, another \$20,000, and another \$30,000. Others have made various sums, from \$2,500 to \$10,000. Will prices stick? is now the absorbing question to operators in this city and residents of the oil regions. The fluid has already reached a high weight, but the next twenty-four hours may see a sudden change in the figure.—Pittsburgh (Pa.) Correspondence Chicago Times.

Rev. Dr. Jacob Mayer's resignation as rabbi of the Beth Shalom synagogue, on Lexington street, was accepted by the congregation at a general meeting of the male members yesterday afternoon.—Baltimore Sun, 4th.

## LOCAL MATTERS.

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## BURWELL DAVIS, the boy who was supposed to have been fatally injured on the Hillary Page excursion train, was so far recovered last evening as to give up of his being conveyed home this morning.

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for receiving stolen boxes from the cars of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, was before Judge Weisiger yesterday on a writ of habeas corpus, and was granted bail in the sum of \$1,000. The case will be tried in the County Court next Monday.

Big Meeting at Powhatan Courthouse. There was quite a large Conservative meeting at Powhatan Courthouse yesterday. It was called to order by Major Willis H. Hinton, the county superintendent. Judge Farrar, of Amelia, was introduced, and made one of his most interesting speeches. He was followed by E. S. Gregory, Esq., who delivered a capital address. Ex-Mayor W. F. C. Gregory, of Petersburg, closed with one of his effective speeches, which had a decided effect upon the many colored voters present. He has proven by his amicable and able efforts this campaign to be one of the best campaign speakers in the State. There is a fine Conservative sentiment existing in Powhatan, and there are indications that many colored men will vote for Hinton. De Motte has a number of supporters, but Jorgenson's show in the county seems slim.

Mayor's Court.—George Randall (colored), for creating a disturbance, was fined two dollars.

Thomas Gray (colored), for violation of ordinance, was fined one dollar.

Pat. Moore, up on the goose question, was discharged.

D. Williams, the Gipsy, was again before his Honor, charged with assaulting Anderson Tucker (colored) on Saturday. The case was continued until to-day. Williams giving bail for his appearance in the sum of twenty-five dollars.

Contract for House-Moving.—Mr. Thomas Barry, practical house-mover and raiser, has a contract for moving six houses this week on Bainbridge street between Ninth and Tenth streets.

Now is the time to get good bargains in fannels and blankets from LEVY BROTHERS, who have some good bargains from the New York auctions.

GREENBRIER WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va.—After September 1, 1876, board per week, \$1.50; additional time, \$2 per day.

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"THE PATRON"—THE GREAT SOUTHERN COOK STOVE.—A leading house in the great Valley of Virginia writes to the Richmond Star. Company for a car-load of stoves, and adds: "The Patron seems to be the leading stove here, not excepting the one we have ordered. We are particularly attracted, especially when the style and quality of the manufacture equal or excel that of others more remote."

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EXTRACT OF REPORT from the celebrated physician, ERASMUS WILSON, of London, Eng.: "I have some severe cases of consumption, and my observation has been that they have been cured by the timely use of GOLDEN'S EXTRACT OF BEEF AND TONIC INVIGORATOR."

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AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

On all sales of Real Estate made between the 1st of January and last of June of the year for the present year have to be paid by the seller. On all sales made between the 1st of July and last of the year the taxes have to be paid by the buyer. (This custom was adopted about fifteen years ago by the real estate men in Richmond, and applies to Richmond and vicinity.)

COOK & LAUGHTON, 10 A. M., general assortment of household furniture, carpenters' tools, &c. WELLINGTON GODDIN, 5 P. M., frame (seats) No. 539 Eighth street.

LOST, STRAYED, AND FOUND.

STRAYED FROM MY PLACE, on my Cow, named "Information left with Mr. MICHAEL PURCELL, No. 722 Seventh street, will be suitably rewarded.

FOUND, on Madison street near Grace, a very FINE GOLD RING, which the owner can get by proving ownership to the publisher. BENJAMIN E. FRANKLIN, 1007 Third street.

LINE, CEMENT, AND PLASTER.

ROCKLAND LINE.

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BAILED.—James E. Workman (colored), charged on the charge of feloniously assaulting

James Hobson with a rock, was sent to the grand jury.

Charles Bluford and Martha Thomas, unlawful cohabitation, was sent on.

Thomas Sager, assaulting Charles Bluford, was fined \$2.50.

John A. Washington (colored), was brought up on the charge of seducing Lavinia Boy on the promise of marriage. Owing to the absence of witnesses the case was continued until to-day.

Robert Kirby and Edward Gilman, old offenders, were sent to jail for three months each for being drunk and unable to take of themselves.

PERSONAL.—Rev. J. L. M. Curry, D. D., Rev. William E. Hatcher, D. D., Rev. H. H. Harris, D. D., and Rev. E. W. Warren, leave Richmond for the Centennial on Thursday.

Judge Edward H. Fitzhugh, of the Chancery Court, has returned to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wittkamp returned to the city Sunday, after a three months' sojourn in Germany among their friends.

Mr. George T. Hunter, formerly of Richmond, but now of Cincinnati, Ohio, is on a visit to his friends in this city. Mr. Hunter was one of our most popular young citizens, and has made many warm friends in Cincinnati.

BARNUM COMING.—Elsewhere we publish a letter from P. T. Barnum positively announcing that his mammoth combination of natural exhibitions will visit this city on Monday and Tuesday the 18th and 19th instant, and that he will also be present and address his patrons. It is a quarter of a century since the renowned manager was last here, and there is great and general curiosity to see him. The superb advertising railroad-car which transports the small army of bill-posters, and other advertising handbills, will reach the Union depot this morning, and will well repay inspection.

THE THEATRE.—The theatrical season opened last night with the bewitching little Fay Templeton, and she was greeted by large and demonstrative audiences. The boys were there in force, and literally thronged the family circle. Throughout the performance they gave vent to their long pent-up feelings by the most vociferous applause, which may be well likened to the Contedate yell of the war times.

Little Fay was married considerably since her last appearance here, and is as charming and naive as ever. Her Almee sketches are very good indeed, particularly her imitation of Almee in the chorus from Madam Angot.

The company is quite good, though the play last night was not chosen, of the rating a hazardous thing to essay the character of Rip Van Winkle before an audience who have seen Jenkins in it.

To-morrow East Lynne, Fashion Medley, and Jenny Lynd will be given.

EXCURSION DOWN THE RIVER.—The Manchester Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday school having chartered the steamer Pannico will make an excursion to Lower Brandon on Friday the 8th instant. The committee having charge of the arrangements is composed of Messrs. D. S. Weisiger, E. W. Hatcher, and Mr. A. Cogbill. The steamer will start at 10 o'clock, and the Manchester side at 6 o'clock and touch at the Richmond wharf for passengers.

BASE-BALL.—The Lone Star Base-Ball Club (colored) visited Petersburg yesterday and played a match game with the White Stockings, of that city, which resulted in a victory for the Richmond club by a score of 31 to 7.

OLD DOMINION GRANITE QUARRY, September 4, 1876.

Editors Daily Dispatch:—Your "Local Matters" column of to-day contains an article headed "The Granite Quarry," in which the writer set forth what has been told him in relation to the above subject. As he has been misinformed, I trust you will give this explanation a place in your paper for his benefit as well as for the benefit of all competent contributors. I am not a member of the quarry, but I have been very much impressed by the misrepresentations in the article above alluded to.

The force employed by the Old Dominion Granite Company on account of cutting for the United States is to-day 200 white and 25 colored men. The quarry is not a large one, and the work is done by the United States superintendent. Mr. D. L. Graham is the superintendent of the Old Dominion Granite Company, and hires everybody employed on the works. Mr. Hawkes, by his instructions from the Treasury Department is specifically prohibited from employing hands, and by the same instructions compelled to demand the discharge through the contractor of any incompetent person. In the employment of workmen the question of politics has never been asked of any man, much less have any been forced to take an oath binding them to act in conformity with the principles of the Old Dominion Granite Company is a Democrat, and therefore unlikely to permit an outrage of the kind charged.

The work closed on March 31, 1876, for want of money, and started on August 1, 1876, with the exception of a few exceptions, were employed again. The discharges are few, as the stone-cutters waiting here for a chance for employment can testify; and only for incompetence or intemperance, and consequent absence from duty. Three discharges have been made since the work started last month—two of them for spoiling stones, and the other for taking too much time on the stone he was cutting.

Mr. Hawkes having left the city soon after reading the article in question, wished me to make an explanation as above. In addition thereto I have been desirous of proposing to you to visit the quarry, and to see some competent person with me to the quarry any moment to investigate the working of the establishment, and make and publish his report for the good of whom it may concern—that is, if you take sufficient interest in the matter. I leave the St. James Hotel every morning at 8 o'clock.

Yours, very sincerely,  
JOHN H. KOFF, in charge at Old Dominion quarry.

(Communicated.)

P. T. Barnum Positively Coming in Person with His Great Show.

AN AUTOGRAPH LETTER FROM THE GREAT SHOWMAN OF THE DISPATCH.—We have received the following letter from P. T. Barnum:

"BRIDGEPORT, CONN., September 1st. "As I have recently vacated the Mayor's chair by the expiration of my official term, I have determined to make use of my liberty by visiting Richmond with my 'Greatest Show on Earth' on the 18th and 19th instant, when I shall have the honor of addressing my patrons from the 'ring.' Gratefully remembering the immense patronage bestowed upon my Jenny Lind concert in Richmond in December, 1850, I beg leave to